



MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Three MVARA members, Doug Riggle KK6D, Ed Nijst AJ6ET, and John Bender KI6HVG successfully completed the first Club "Fox Hunt" on Saturday, August 15th, by locating the transmitter (made and hidden by W7DTH, Steve DeLong). Kudos to Steve for his willingness to coordinate this event for the Club. Everyone who participated shared their experiences during August 18th Hams @ Coffee" Zoom meeting, and are looking forward to our next "hunt". A reminder that officer nominations for 2021 will open on October 1st, and elections will be held at the November 5th membership meeting. If the November meeting is a Zoom meeting, voting will be by show of hands. Thanks to Rich Palmer for setting up the ARES repeater, and to David Bell for allowing it to be put up at his home. Anyone interested in listening to or participating in the CBARC-sponsored "Route 66 On The Air" Special Event (Sept 12-20) can find information on the w6jbt.org website.

73 and stay safe Bob Morris KK6BXJ

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CALENDAR ONLINE REMINDER

Thanks to Rich Palmer and Steve DeLong for their work on setting up Fusion and Mesh Net capabilities on the MVARA repeater. Join us on September 3rd to learn more about these functions.



Join the MVARA meeting on "ZOOM MEETING" for the following presentations:

September 3rd - Our Fusion Repeater and Wires-X

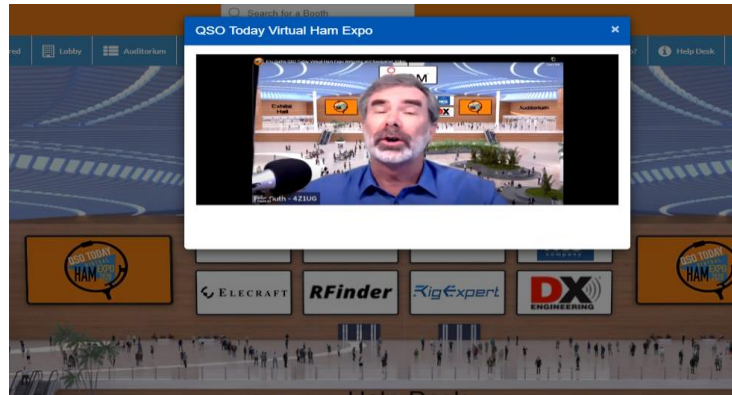
October 1st - Summit On The Air (SOTA) and Parks On The Air (POTA)

SEARCHING FOR ANOTHER NEWSLETTER ARTICLE (Glen Johnsen KA6GMA)

Time for another article ... do I write about my field day experience operating FT8, the Rigexpert AA-1000, my new pdf eqsl card, connectors on transmission lines, to decibel or not to decibel? I finally settled on the August 8 and 9 QSO Virtual Ham Expo 2020.

I am certain most of you attended the expo or heard about it. I'll quickly review my attendance experience and how it compares to other amateur radio conventions that I attended throughout the years. This expo was entirely online, all day Saturday and Sunday, August 8 and 9. I registered for the expo a month ahead of time and wondered how this could surpass previous amateur radio conventions.

The amazing fee: free.



A welcome screen (with Eric Guth WA6IGR/4Z1UG) automatically started as you entered the lobby. He described the virtual expo and how to navigate through the web pages. I was amazed how user-friendly Eric made it.

After Eric's introduction you could choose any number of selection tabs or vendor booths.

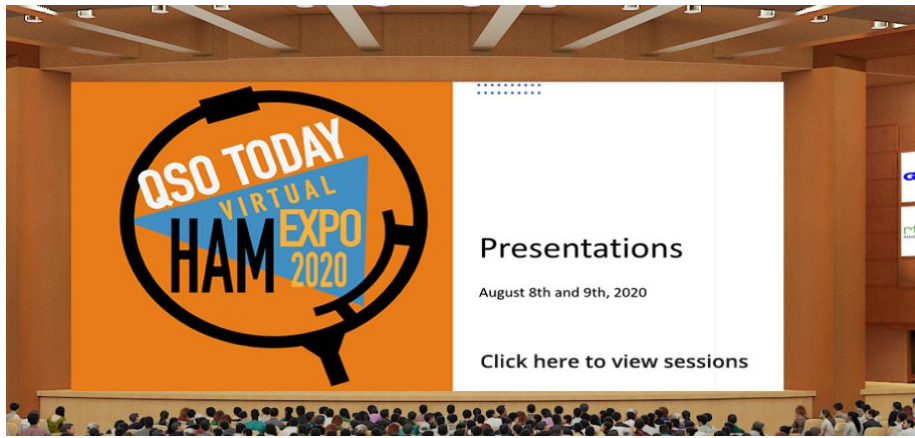


Immediately, I headed to the tab labeled 'Agenda' where I found information on the Presentations: title, author, day/time, and track number.

August 2020 Speakers : Time Order

Speaker Topic and Name	UTC	PDT	EDT	Track	Seq
Keynote: COVID-19: Amateur Radio's Impact On Problem Solving To Create A Global Response To The Pandemic - Dr. Scott Wright, K0MD	8/8/2020 1:00:00	8/7/2020 18:00:00	8/7/2020 21:00:00	1	1
How to Solder - Steve Johnston, WD8DAS	8/8/2020 15:00:00	8/8/2020 8:00:00	8/8/2020 11:00:00	1	2
VP6R 160 Meters: Mutiny on the Bands! - Glenn Johnson, W0GJ	8/8/2020 15:15:00	8/8/2020 8:15:00	8/8/2020 11:15:00	2	101
GPS Today - John Ackermann, N8UR	8/8/2020 15:30:00	8/8/2020 8:30:00	8/8/2020 11:30:00	3	1001
ARKnet Wireless Emergency Intranet - Marcel Stieber, AI6MS	8/8/2020 15:45:00	8/8/2020 8:45:00	8/8/2020 11:45:00	4	10001
The History of Heath Company, the G.I. Bill, and Economics of	8/8/2020 16:00:00	8/8/2020 9:00:00	8/8/2020 12:00:00	1	3

Wow! I wanted to see 'How to Solder', so I clicked on the 'Auditorium' tab.



I clicked on my computer screen and Viola! Summaries of all the presentations appeared:

Track 1 Track 2 Track 3 Track 4

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AUGUST 8TH

Welcome By Eric Guth, 4Z1UG, and Keynote Address: COVID-19: Amateur Radio's Impact On Problem Solving To Create A Global Response To The Pandemic - Dr. Scott Wright, KOMD Play
Rate The Presentation

Dr Scott Wright

This presentation is the welcoming address by Eric Guth, 4Z1UG, followed by the Keynote address by Dr. Scott Wright, KOMD.
The creation of a medical response using a global network. The human stories behind it and the impact of Amateur Radio on problem solving.
📺 Keynote: COVID-19: Amateur Radio's Impact On Problem Solving To Create A Global Response To The Pandemic

How to Solder - Steve Johnston, WD8DAS Play
Rate The Presentation

Steve Johnston

Q&A Room 1
The basic techniques for electronic soldering for both repair of equipment and new construction projects.
After the presentation JOIN THE LIVE Q&A SESSION HERE.
📺 How to Solder - Steve Johnston, WD8DAS

The History of Heath Company, the G.I. Bill, and Economics of Restoration - Paul Tonnelski W1SEY Play

Here's the link to 'How to Solder' Power Point PDF slides by Steve Johnston:

<https://veping.b8cdn.com/uploads/vjfnew/1073/content/images/1596949707howtosolder-ppt-wd8das-pdf1596949707.pdf>

All of these presentations are available to registered Expo attendees on the virtual expo site until September 9, 2020

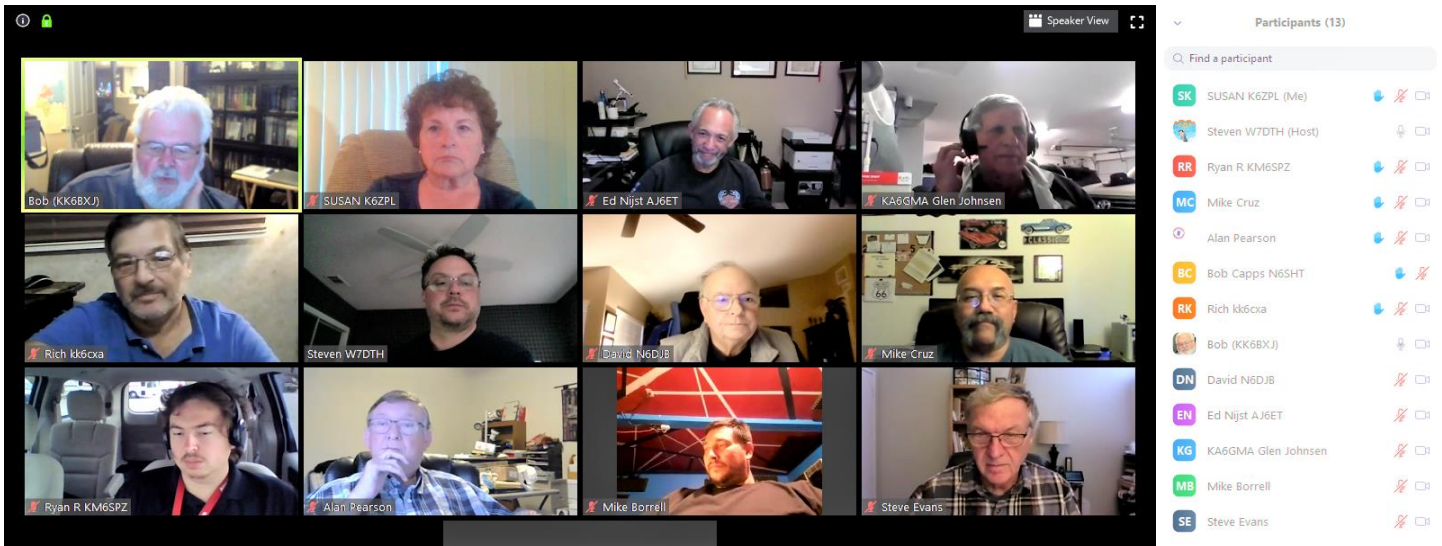
The Agenda showed 'How to Solder' at 8am, and it started exactly 8 am. I did not have to fight the crowd, find a seat, or have any difficulty seeing the screen. I enjoyed the presentation from my favorite ham shack chair and no worry about spilling my coffee on anyone. I could leave the presentation at any time to get more coffee and not block anyone's view. If I didn't feel the presentation was what I envisioned, I could leave and not injure any esteem. During a Q&A after each session the presenter and a moderator answered as many questions as possible

Another great feature of the expo was the ability to go from track to track (room to room) in seconds, not fight the crowds, locate a seat, and spill any coffee. This expo was superb and is far superior to Hotel conventions. I never got to visit with any vendors-there were just too many presentations to observe and learn.

I attended 15 sessions in two days. As my xyl, KC6EHU, put it best: "You were missing in action for two days." It'll be next March when I am MIA again, as the next expo is planned for March 2021

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

The face mask and neck gaiter below were among commemorative items available at the first ever “Virtual Ham Expo”. This year has brought so many changes: meetings held remotely internet ‘virtual’ meeting applications; masks worn when going out in public; employees transitioned to working from home when possible (and in many cases transitioned to permanently working ‘remotely’); record unemployment as ever-increasing numbers of businesses closed; supply chain disruption; hoarding of personal protective equipment and disinfecting supplies; etc. People worldwide will never forget the impact of the 2020 Corona Virus 19 (CoVid19) global pandemic. As of the writing of this newsletter we have no idea when (or if) this virus will be controlled/eradicated. But we do know it will continue to negatively impact the world as we’ve known it far into the future.



Thanks to everyone who stepped up and took the time to learn the new technologies needed to help the members and friends of MVARA stay connected during this challenging time. We are stronger individually and as a Club because of your efforts.

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[mvaranet.org]

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of your membership
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